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## PHASE OUT NUCLEAR POWER AS A GLOBAL ENERGY SOURCE

To the United States Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the International Atomic Energy Agency Department of Information Technology and others.

A permanent nuclear waste repository is definitly needed for high-level nuclear waste and this repository will serve two functions:

- 1. As a high-level nuclear waste permanent off-site repository in place of the present on-site storage at nuclear power stations.
- 2. As a high-level nuclear waste repository during the two year phase out period of all nuclear power plants, beginning January, 2010 and ending January, 2012.

A permanent repository for nuclear waste is only one safety aspect of nuclear energy use and does not address the other safety issues of transportation, mining, nuclear proliferation, accidents with harm to the public and the environment and global security.

Nuclear power use has too many interrelated and convoluted safety problems. Therefore, nuclear power is much too risky to be used as an energy source on an international scale.

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